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A Tribute To Those Who Served...



DECORATING A MEMORIAL STONE ON A GRAVE is always a tradition that marks Agawam's Memorial Day ceremonies. An honor guard here places a wreath to honor those who gave their lives to their country. For more Memorial Day photo's, see Pages 10 and 11. Photo by Jack Devine.

Theroux Charter Objects Fees Council Must Vote Monday

By Stephen Gazillo

Town Council will vote on the controversial rubbish collections and ambulance fees at their Monday, June 1 meeting after two charter objections invoked by Precinct Four councilor Richard Theroux stopped any action on the two fees Tuesday night.

Followed Defeat Of Gallano Motion

Theroux's stalling tactic was a last ditch effort to block a vote on the fees at the council's special meeting. It followed defeat of a motion sponsored by councilor Andrew C. Gallano to hold off voting on the fee schedule until the town learns how much state aid it will be receiving.

Councilor Robert DeForge led the charge against Gallano's motion, arguing that the council has had "all the time in the world to review the fees" and the time had come to vote.

"I don't believe people in this community want the fees. I don't care what's going on in Boston, I think we should vote either for or against them now," he said.

Gallano told *The Advertiser/News* last week that news from Boston points towards the town receiving over \$300,000 in additional state aid. Town Manager Richard J. Bowen's proposed budget, which calls for the establishment of rubbish, ambulance, and security alarm fees at a cost of \$300,000 to the townspeople, was based on the assumption that Agawam would receive no additional aid from the state.

"I see no reason why we can't hold in abeyance these user charges until we know what kind of money the state will be providing," Gallano said.

"It just doesn't seem we should go ahead and vote for the user charges when we can avoid it," he argued.

Original Assumptions

Bowen told the council that his original assumptions when he prepared the budget have changed, and that "every reading coming out of Boston now says clearly more state aid will be coming."

Governor Edward King has proposed increasing state aid to Massachusetts' cities and towns from \$37.6 million to \$216 million as a means of offsetting the harsh effects of Proposition 2 1/2. The state legislature is expected to act on this within three weeks.

"If I had my druthers, I would say adopt the fees tonight," Bowen continued, "but prudence tells me to wait and see as being the most propitious thing to do."

Councilor Alfred Serra said he agreed with DeForge. "The people of this community do not want user fees," he stated. "If we wait on this thing, it leaves us no recourse in the future but to accept the fees," he commented.

Councilor Donald Rheault said he was "appalled" the council was even considering the fees given the form in which they were presented to the council.

Rheault argued that fees should be presented in ordinance form, with three readings before adoption. Bowen, however, stated that a ruling from Town Attorney Lambert Ollari stated the fees could appear as an order before the council.

Council President Paul M. Fieldstad pointed out that the council could use their free cash funds to offset the \$300,000 in the event the fees were defeated.

"We've played around with this thing long enough and I don't think we should wait around for someone else to bail us out," he said.

Remiss In Its Action

Theroux said the council would be "remiss in its action by putting this to the townspeople without looking into alternatives."

When he saw the council defeat Gallano's motion, Theroux invoked his right of charter objection on both the ambulance and rubbish collect fees. That move can only be done once on a given issue, and forces an immediate vote without debate at the next regular meeting.

Passage of the rubbish collection fees would cost the average family \$25 per year. The ambulance fee if approved would cost \$100 per run.

Those councilors who voted against Gallano's motion were: DeForge, Elaine Bonavita, Fieldstad, William Herd, Walter Kerr, Paul Paleogopoulos, Rheault, Serra and Alfred Trehey. Those who favor were: Francis Colli, Theroux, Gallano, Frederick Nardi and John Barthnik.

Budget Held Till Monday

By Stephen Gazillo

A tabling motion which Manager Richard J. Bowen said could cost the town additional money has deferred approval of the town's fiscal 1982 \$15.7 million General Budget until Town Council meets June 1.

Theroux Charter Objects

At a special meeting held Tuesday night in the Public Library, councilors voted 10-4 to delay passage of the General Budget. This came immediately after councilor Richard Theroux invoked a charter objection stop attempts to vote on the controversial rubbish and ambulance fees.

A flurry of verbal exchanges amongst councilors charged the atmosphere of the community room as councilors debated the tabling motion.

Bowen, who said that action on the general budget should have been completed by mid-May to keep on schedule, commented that delaying it will cost the town additional money because the town now has to send out termination notices at least a week later to town employees.

Councilor Robert DeForge, who sponsored the tabling action, said that the move allows councilors to go back and take another look at the budget.

"We got rubbish and ambulance fees delayed," he said, referring to Theroux's actions, "now let's delay this."

Theroux charged that those who pushed for delaying the budget were violating a "gentlemen's agreement." He said the council spent over a month discussing item after item and giving their approval through tentative votes, and now councilors were saying those votes didn't count.

Said he, "This motion to get back into the budget

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Cooling Off



4 year old Carmen Battista enjoys his backyard sprinkler on a hot and humid Memorial Day. Carmen said he enjoyed his attempt to keep cool. Photo by Jack Devine.

Budget from Page 1

tells me where we're at. It shows my colleagues who wish to get back into the budget now are doing so for their own purposes," he added.

Theroux accused certain councilors with attempting to cut the school budget which passed on an 8-7 vote two weeks ago.

Council President Paul Fieldstad, who voted in favor of the tabling motion, said the council had accomplished "nothing" during their budget deliberations because they had refused to look at revenues first, opting to deal rather with appropriations.

Completely Ridiculous

Other councilors stated they had reservations about the content of the General Budget.

Councilor William Herd said there was "no way" he could vote for the proposed budget as long as it included the \$65,000 earmarked for pay increases for the town's 28 department heads and supervisors.

Councilor Donald Rheault cited a litany of problems he was having with the budget, mentioning the proposed reorganization of certain departments and expenditures for such departments as the DPW as being "out of line."

"If people here thought they did a pruning job to budget, they should go back and take another look," he stated. "I think we should reject the budget and go back and do what we're supposed to do," he added.

Rheault argued that Bowen's attempts to reorganize departments, such as the merger of School Maintenance and Parks and Recreation under a new department called Department of Public Property, was a violation of the charter.

"The budget right now endorses such various reorganizations," he said, "and we as councilors in no way have been a part of that process. This violates the charter."

Bowen countered that his reorganization plans have observed the charter "to the letter." "Your action tonight on the budget in no way, shape or form sanctions a reorganization," he responded. "What is required of the charter will be complied with," he added.

"My recommendation is to adopt the General Budget tonight," Bowen stated. "You've had it for two months. It is important that the budget be adopted for other things in the business of town government take place," he continued. "Indeed, the purpose of this meeting was to adopt the budget."

"The purpose was also to act on the fees," Councilor Walter T. Kerr responded.

Bowen immediately retaliated stating, "I have a feeling a 'tit for tat' is happening here that is rather distasteful." He commented later that councilors were veiling the truth when they argued they needed more time to study the budget. "They haven't had the budget long enough," he said. "They've had it for over two months."

Those councilors who voted to defer the General Budget were John Bartn*k, Ms. Elena Bonavita, DeForge, Fieldstad, Herd, Kerr, Nardi, Rheault, Serra and Trehey. Those against were Theroux, Gallano, Colli, and Paleogopoulos. Councilor Stephen Cincotta was absent.

Recreation Group Presents Petitions

Reverend Frank E. Dunn, chairman of the Agawam Committee To Support Recreational Activities For Children, presented Town Clerk Edward A. Caba with over 100 petitions containing more than 2,000 signatures who support some funding for recreational programs here.

The petition points out that the deletion of funds for all recreational programs was a mistake and encourages the Town Manager and Town Council to review the decision and to add funds for recreation into the budget.

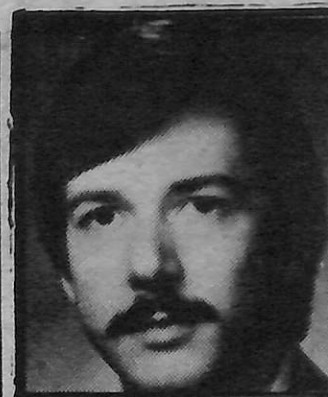
The signatures were solicited by members of the support group on a door-to-door basis and were not acquired in shopping centers, Dunn said.

The door-to-door approach gave members of the support group the opportunity to discuss with residents the importance of these youth programs, he added.

The Agawam Athletic Association for the past eleven years has functioned in partnership with the Park and Recreation Department. Dunn said: "Together they have run programs for children in the areas of baseball, girls softball, boys and girls basketball, competitive swimming, track and learn-to-swim."

The baton and gymnastics program were totally operated by the Parks and Recreation Department, and the Agawam Hockey Association has operated individually with some town funding, Dunn said.

No funding from the town, Dunn said, for these programs, would make the Agawam Athletic Association and any programs that it operates completely independent from the town and it would become a private organization which would no longer have to function in the manner in which it has."



A Part Of Life...

By Peter Forastiere
Colonial
Funeral Chapel

Talking about death is often difficult. Yet a death in the family may create problems for survivors which can sometimes be alleviated by discussion and pre-planning. Pre-arranging and sometimes pre-financing a funeral is a method some people choose to assist their survivors after death occurs.

There are many different reasons for pre-arranging a funeral. Some persons, especially those who are alone in the world, may want the assurance of a funeral which meets their personal beliefs, standards, or lifestyle. Others feel a responsibility to assist survivors by arranging approximate funeral cost guidelines. Still others may have moved to distant places and may want to make sure that certain recommendations are heeded as to where the funeral and burial will take place.

The advantages and disadvantages of funeral pre-arrangements depend upon the individual circumstances and cannot be generalized. What may be satisfying for some could be impractical for others.

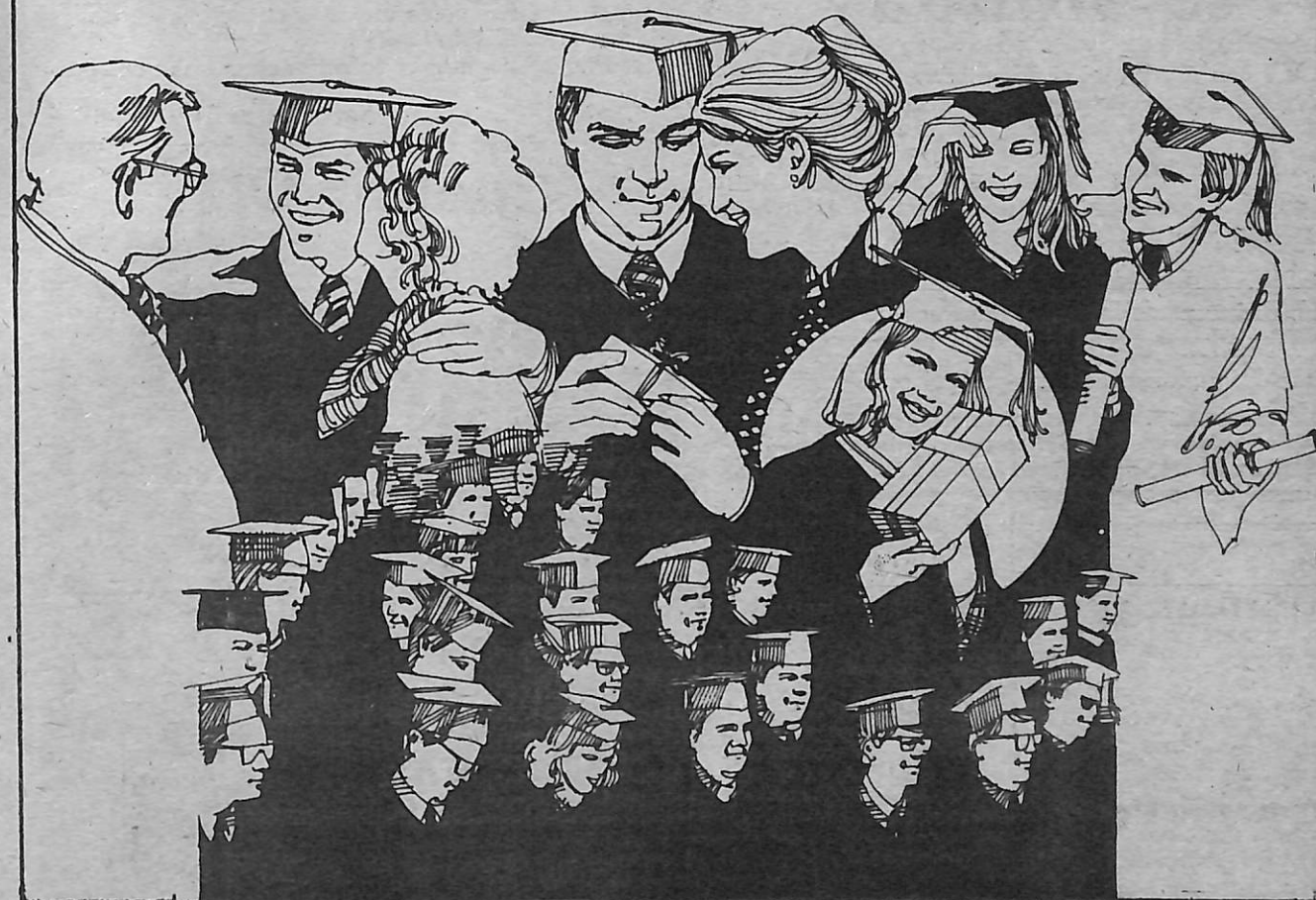
Before prescribing a definite kind of funeral or type of final disposition, it is always wise to consider and consult those survivors who will be most affected by the death. Grant them the opportunity to be active planning participants not just passive spectators. Remember, while the funeral is of the person who has died, it is for those who survive.

Discussing funeral arrangements in advance brings the subject of death in the open and the family is afforded an opportunity to mutually share their thoughts about its important considerations.

Once the pre-arrangement is completed, the client receives a copy and the funeral director keeps one on file. The client should notify some responsible person that such an agreement exists and where it may be found. Never leave a pre-arrangement in a safe deposit box or with a will for oftentimes these details are not looked into until after the funeral.

Some who pre-arrange a funeral may want to pre-pay the entire amount or a fraction of it. It is important to note that a person making the payment can retain the right to terminate the contract at any time with reimbursement of the funds paid and earnings accrued.

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Chmielewski's Given 25th Party



The children of Police Chief and Mrs. Stanley Chmielewski held a party for their parents at the Polish American Club to celebrate the couple's 25th anniversary. Over 80 relatives and friends turned out for the affair. Photo by Jack Devine.

Lionesses' To Appear At Craft Fair



Members of the Agawam Lionesses will be sponsoring a booth for charity at the Agawam Junior Women's Club annual Arts and Crafts Fair on June 6 and 7th in Agawam Center. Getting ready for the crafts fair are, from left, Janet Gallerani, Angela Beaudry, Debbie Forastiere and Judy Girotti. Photo by Jack Devine.

Jacqueline Moran Engaged To Jendza

Announcement is made of the engagement of Jacqueline M. Moran and Richard P. Jendza. A July wedding is planned.

Miss Moran is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George A. Moran of West Springfield. Jendza is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Albin Jendza of Southwick.

The prospective bride is a graduate of Cathedral High School and attended Westfield State College. Her fiancé graduated from Southwick High School and American International College. He is employed by Community Savings Bank.

Piecemakers Plan Trip To Exhibition

The Piecemakers' Quilt Shop is planning a day trip to New York City to the Museum of American Folk Art and Fashion Institute of Technology for an exhibition featuring "Anonymous Beauty: Quilts, Coverlets, Bedcovers - Textile Treasures from Two Centuries."

This trip will take place Saturday, June 27th. Participants will leave from the parking lot of the Quilt Shop at 12 Southwick Street, Feeding Hills, at 7:30 a.m. and will return around 8 p.m.

Cost of the trip is \$13 which includes admission to the museum. For further information, call the shop at 789-1311.

MUNICIPAL EVENTS

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Monday, June 1
Town Council Meeting
Public Library
8 P.M.

Tuesday, June 2
Historical Commission
Town Hall
7 P.M.

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COLONIAL FUNERAL CHAPEL

Theatre Of Deaf Debuts New Play

The Sign of the Times Community Theatre of the Deaf, a non-profit and cultural theatre group now in its second year, debuts *Hands*, to be presented in sign language and voice at StageWest in West Springfield on May 28, 29, and 30. Curtain time is 8 p.m.

Hands, by Gilbert C. Eastman, is a series of vignettes drawing the best from a conjunction of humorous

and common situations encountered by the hearing-impaired living in a hearing society. The Sign of the Times Theatre recently delighted a critical audience at the Community Theatre Association Festival with their presentation of this play.

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"On The Clothesline"



By Penny Stone

On Saturday, May 9th, nineteen athletic youngsters from our Agawam-based Springfield TurnVerein Club competed in the annual Junior Turnfest and came up winning.

The day-long competition consisted of numerous gymnastic and field events. Winning first place gold medal in side-horse vault (11 years and under category) was our own AMY WEBER with a beautiful handspring vault. BECKY RAMAH clearly took the bronze in this event.

In uneven parallel bars, Amy tied for second place silver and JENNIFER MOYNAHAN won third place. Jenny also tied for first in floor exercises, tied for third in the 50-yard dash, and won second place in the standing broad jump event. Capturing the gold medal for "all around" was none other than Amy Weber again, a real gymnastic enthusiast.

Amy's younger brother CHARLIE did us proud as well in the boys' events. He won third place bronze medals in nearly every event; he tied for third with Agawam teammate JODY MARSH on the gymnastic rings, took third in high bars, running long jump, parallel bars, and ended up with the bronze medal for third place "all around" in the 11-and-under category. In addition to tying for third on the rings, Jody won second place in the running long jump event.

Gymnastics instructors JOE SAMERI and PATTY BANAS were very proud of our group and called it a very "rewarding experience." ED & CINDY WEBER of Cooper Street were quite proud too.

Earning special recognition recently was 22-year-old DARCY G. DAVIS, son of Agawam Band Director DARCY B. DAVIS of 1215 Main Street, Agawam. Son Darcy was selected to perform in an Anniversary Concert held in honor of University of Connecticut Band Director Alan Gillespie. Gillespie has served as head of the UConn bands for the past 25 years and for this special occasion, he selected one student from the very first band he led and one student - Darcy - from his most recent group. Quite an honor!

The very talented young man graduated from Agawam High in 1976 and went on to the University of Connecticut, graduating last June. He is presently teaching and directing the Rockville, CT, High School Band. His wind ensemble took first place in the highest and most difficult class of music performance and sight reading at the recent National Music Festival in Wildwood, New Jersey. Also, his marching band took tenth place in the festival's parade event.

Spring is a busy time for bands and concerts and parades, and another student of the Agawam band program was honored recently. ANDY LESTER, son of BOB & EVELYN LESTER of 56 Park Edge Drive, Feeding Hills, was chosen to play in the John Phillip Sousa National Honors Band for a commemorative concert May 2nd in the Departmental Auditorium in Washington, D.C. One of only 127 students selected from across the nation, Andy play the euphonium in our high school band; he is a member of the school's wind ensemble, concert band, jazz band, and jazz combo. He takes private lessons from DAVID BALDOCK as well.

Last year, Andy earned first chair in the Western Mass. District Band and in the Mass. All-State Band. This year, he was again first chair with both groups as well as in the All-Eastern Band, which includes 11 states and the District of Columbia. This most recent appointment as second chair in the J.P.S. National Honors Band is certainly another step up for him.

In addition to the excellent direction, he has received over the past six years in Agawam band, Andy apparently comes from a talented family. His dad plays a mean trumpet; his mom, the piano; his sixth grade sister SARAH the French horn, trumpet, and piano; and 9th grade sister KATY, the saxophone and clarinet. I imagine we'll be hearing more from this musical family.

Catholic Women Hold Banquet



The Agawam Catholic Women's Club recently held their annual spring banquet and induction of new officers. Photographer Jack Devine just happened to be in the area and captured local women from left Joan Malinoski, Barbara Gingras, Lillian Doyle, Elaine Taupier (president), Lee Owens, Angela Beaudry, Jeannette Oullette, and Penny DeForge enjoying the affair.

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Simmons' Diet Book Offers Tips

By Donna Campbell, Chief Librarian

After reading Richard Simmons' *Never-Say-Diet Book*, one can easily see why it is Number 1 on the bestseller list this week and why Simmons has captured the hearts of many Americans with this book and "The Richard Simmons Show." If you are cringing at the thought of parting with your bulky winter clothes and donning shorts, bathing-suits and other such revealing summer wear, this book is definitely for you! After all, one does look suspicious wearing a winter coat in July.

The best thing about this hilarious book is Simmons' no-nonsense approach to the problem of overweight. For example, he starts right off by insisting, "Let's start at the beginning...let's get it out in the open. Admit you're overweight. Confess to yourself you've got a problem. Don't just shrug your shoulders and fondle your baby fat. Don't get depressed, don't get upset, and don't shove your pudgy little body under a Sara Lee delivery truck in shame or embarrassment...You don't have to be fat, you know...You do have to resolve never to cop out again...All you have to do is stop feeling sorry for yourself and fess up to being overweight. Let me hear you say it: I'm fat. I'm pudgy. I've let myself go a bit. I don't have the body I used to have. Shout it out...Grab that fat and just throw it around the room. Let it know who's boss. Let it know that you're in charge now."

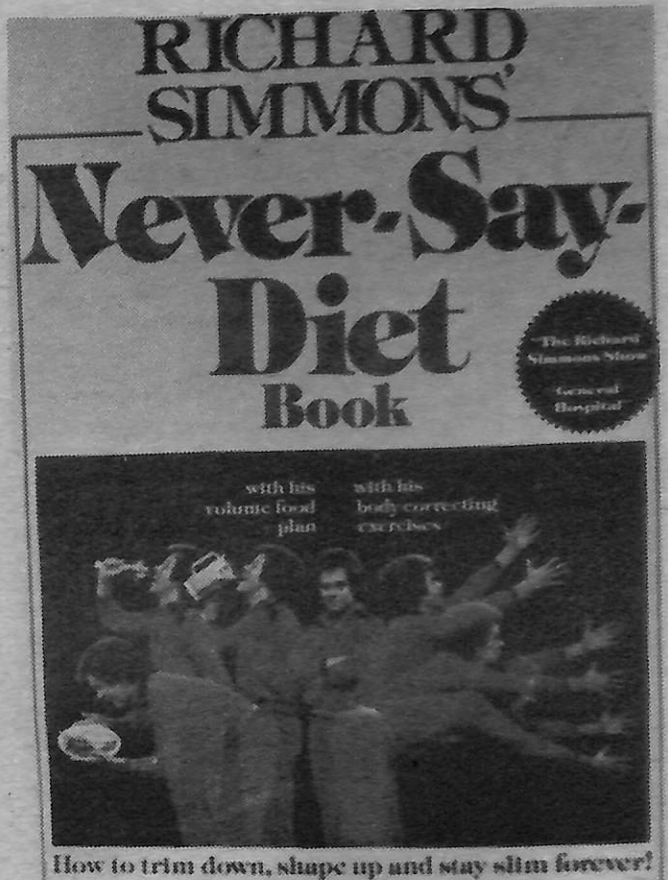
Thus, Simmons deals with the psychological and mental problems associated with overweight right from the beginning. Then he provides the physiological "truth about obesity" such as heart, lung and other problems, as well as an exposure of how most people fool themselves about their plumpness.

At the same time, Simmons shows that he understands the problems associated with overweight

since he was 112 pounds overweight himself. His amusing biographical sketch is begun with the claim, "The only time I wasn't fat was the day I was born...I had flat feet, asthma, hay fever, and a crummy name: Milton Teagle Simmons. It was enough to drive anyone to food. You've heard of baby fat? Baby, was I fat...I discovered I was really fat when I was eight years old and my mother took me to the 'I'm Afraid to Admit My Size Sale.' ..."

Although many of these confessions are very funny, Simmons also explains how he required cosmetic surgery, hair transplants, and hospitalization after the trauma of a 2½-month crash diet during which he lost 112 pounds, which is not so amusing. This agonizing experience motivated Simmons to study health, diet, exercise, nutrition, weight loss and the proper mental attitude needed to help others to lose weight through a safe, but effective lifetime plan.

With all of this background, Simmons also explains "how food got to be America's middle name" and he critically examines many of the famous diets such as calorie counting, the Stillman diet, the Dr. Atkins' diet, the Scarsdale diet, Weight Watchers, and several others. As his title indicates, Simmons personally thinks "...that dieting stinks." Instead of diets he believes in a combination of three vital steps: 1) Exercise and plenty of it; 2) the right live-it program for your body; and 3) the proper mental attitude. He provides several examples of "why overeating isn't smart" and how eating habits and traditions are developed from earliest childhood. Simmons remembers his mother saying "You have had quite enough, Milton. As usual, I gave you extras and you've already eaten everything but the floral design on your plate. Now for God's sakes give your brother back his veal cutlet."



Since Simmons believes that combined exercise and good diet are imperative for good health and weight loss, he provides several exercise and diet programs for all different body types depending on how much one needs to lose. First, Simmons provides an "exercise life-style truth-or-consequences quiz" with multiple choice questions.

It seems that many of us can identify with responses since the average person living in America has a weight problem due to poor diet and lack of exercise.

Thus, Simmons provides a very helpful and complete program of exercises with directions and photos. In addition, his "live-it food program" consists of a safe, balanced choice of foods to fill your day. Three alternative plans are given for eliminating various amounts of weight. In addition, tips and recipes are provided for cooking, meals and various foods.

Elks Slate Dedication Of New Bocce Court

On Friday, June 5th, a supper will be held at the lodge of the Agawam-West Springfield Elks on Morgan Road, West Springfield, from 5:30 to 8 p.m. The occasion will mark the dedication of their new

Bocce Court in the memory of deceased Elk brother Joseph J. Politano, who was a charter member and past Elk of the Year for 1972-73.

The menu for the supper will include sausage, ziti, salad, garlic bread, and beverage. Tickets are \$3.50 and are available through Chairman Charlie Norton at 732-8936 or at the lodge (736-0207).

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This will be a special observance because June is the month of the Sacred Heart to whom each first Friday of the month is dedicated and because the adoration will take place at the monastery of the Mother of God, 1430 Riverdale Street, West Springfield. This monastery is the residence of the cloistered Dominican nuns and an essential part of their lifestyle is perpetual adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

Members of the alternating groups will be in the monastery's public chapel.

The Nocturnal Adoration Society is an international Catholic society established in every country this side of the iron and bamboo curtains. Founded in Rome in 1810, at present there are over 800 branches throughout the United States with over 120,000 members. Membership is open to men and women over 18 years of age.

Rosary Altar Society Installs New Officers

The 1981-82 officers for the Rosary Altar Society of Sacred Heart Church, Feeding Hills, were recently installed at a mass officiated by Father Richard Ahern. Dinner at the Silver Carriage Inn followed the mass.

Officers installed were Nancy Doucette, president; Penny Martineau, first vice president; Ethel Dumond, second vice president; Marie Vecchiarelli, secretary; and Julia Zajchowski, treasurer.

Outgoing officers Dolores Wagner, Trudy Beavis, and Priscilla Furioni wish the new officers much success.

Expectant Parents Program Offered At Mercy

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From The Pulpit....

By Rev. Donald B. Morris
Agawam Baptist Church

The Problem Of Moral Choice

Abraham Lincoln concluded his second inaugural address with these words: "With malice toward none, with charity for all, with firmness in the right, as God gives us to see the right." We can see as we read these words Lincoln's agonizing and painful struggle to make right decisions. One of the reasons that history accords him such a high place of honor is that his decisions turned out to be right so often. But there is another reason, his decisions making always had the spiritual dimensions of a person who sought to do God's will.

Tax Moral Capacities

While few of us will be confronted with decisions weighted with such terrifying consequences, all of us are required to make decisions which tax our moral and spiritual capacities to the utmost. There are many occasions when every one of us must ask ourselves whether the voice we hear most clearly is the voice of God, or of expediency, or of desire, or pride, or emotion. Once the decision is made it is often impossible to know whether we have acted wisely or foolishly, rightly or wrongly, until we have lived with that decision a long time. A child has his or her difficulties in learning how to make decisions but the longer we live and the more complicated life becomes the harder it is to sift out all the essential factors and make the best possible moral decision.

Let me suggest for Biblical principles which may be of help in making right moral decisions. The first is the moral law as symbolized by the Ten Commandments. In our earlier years, particularly, we need the help of tested moral principles. We lean on parents, the church, civil law. A scaffold is needed until the building can be erected. Likewise, we need the help of external moral influences until we have had a chance to build up our inner spiritual and moral convictions. Jesus once asked, "Are grapes gathered from thorns, or figs from thistles?" We might paraphrase that question this way, "Are grapes of a morally sound mature life gathered from the thorns of indifference to the commandments of God?"

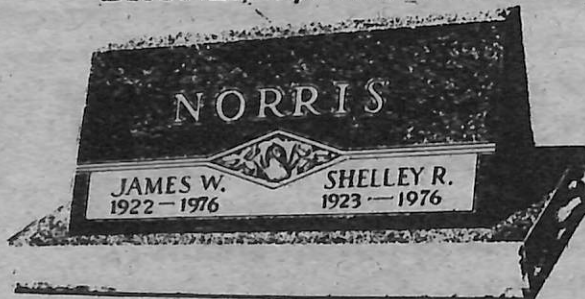
The second guiding principle is the standard of inwardness. While externally codes are helpful in our younger years we should learn to make our own decisions on the basis of inner perception of right and wrong even more than on the basis of external law.

The third test is the principle of universality. The law of gravity belongs to the whole universe and God's moral laws are equally universal. In the days of the early Hebrews murder was wrong if it was committed against a member of one's own tribe, but justified if it were against a member of a hostile tribe. The law was an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth. But Jesus changed that concept of morality.

Fourth Principle

The fourth principle sums up the first three. It is - always act from the motive of love. It is true that whenever a deed is done out of love for someone it is right. And that whenever it causes hurt it is wrong. That is hurt in the long range, a hurt which is deliberately aimed at the destruction of another person. Whether in our homes, in our churches, schools, places of business, or in the marketplace, we are never wrong when we treat people lovingly and respectfully. We are always wrong when we ignore their feelings or use them to satisfy our own selfish desires. We will not always make the right decisions for we are still too human to be perfect. But if we follow these principles, we should make decisions most of the time that God will approve.

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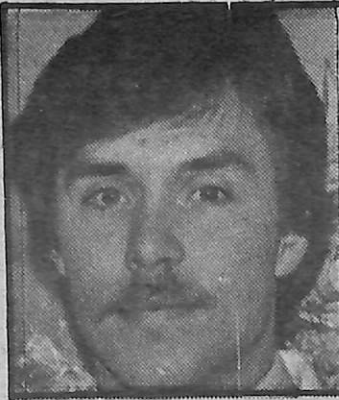
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Your Back & Your Health

By Dr. Joseph Schlaffer

One of the more frequent injuries we see is Tennis Elbow. In addition to tennis players, golfers, ball players, even needleworkers and writers can suffer this malfunction (which may also be called golfer's elbow or writer's cramp.) The joint is painful at the point of the elbow and active motion aggravates the pain.

Another particularly susceptible joint is the knee. Knee sprains, "trick knee," and inflammation of the tendons around the knee are common.

In both tennis elbow and knee injury, the problem can usually be traced to a structural/postural abnormality, either genetic or due to accident or aging, or to trauma, either sudden or the result of continued misuse.

Prevention requires selection of proper equipment, especially footwear, and having postural examinations and evaluation of spinal functioning before undertaking active sports. Abnormal position of spinal segments may limit movement causing strains on other structural elements or it may change the shape of nerve openings, irritating nerves which supply and control arm and leg muscles.

The doctor of chiropractic is trained to make structural evaluation and provide appropriate treatment. Depending on the nature of the injury, the presence or absence of inflammation and/or swelling, the chiropractor may also treat sports injuries by manipulation, active or resistive movement, heat or cold (with or without moisture), traction or other natural aids to healing.



Your Dental Health

By Stephen R. Jacaprarro, D.M.D.

Many patients tell me that their gums bleed when they brush their teeth and wonder if this is normal. Healthy gums do not bleed when the teeth are being brushed, unless you inadvertently abrade an area of the gums with the toothbrush bristles. This periodic bleeding is a symptom of a problem, gingivitis.

Gingivitis, in its simplest definition, is an inflammation of the gingiva (gums) which does not involve the supporting bone of the teeth.

Though this inflammation can be caused by certain systemic diseases such as leukemia, I will take it for granted that you are a healthy specimen and, therefore, just deal with the local factors. You may be building a large amount of plaque and calculus (tartar) on your teeth. Plaque is an invisible, sticky film packed with bacteria which break down the sugar in the food you eat into acid and other by-products that harm gum tissue. If you have read my previous articles, you no doubt remember how plaque was implicated in the start of dental decay and now this very same plaque and its acids are also causing injury to the very gums that you hold near and dear to your teeth.

When this plaque remains on the teeth long enough (somewhere between 2 and 18 days depending on your metabolism) it hardens and forms calculus (tartar), which is even more harmful to your gums. This rough calculus now becomes a physical irritant to the gums causing more widespread inflammation. On top of this calculus, new plaque is formed which produces more acids, adding chemical irritation to the already present physical irritation.

Before the gums can scream for mercy, the new plaque hardens into more calculus which pushes the gums further away from the teeth and allows more plaque to form further down the root. The bleeding caused by gingivitis is not harmful if corrected at this stage. Up to this point, the damage is reversible.

If this gingivitis is neglected, it will lead to periodontitis (pyorrhea) or as it is widely known, periodontal disease. As the gums keep pulling away from the irritation caused by the plaque and calculus, more plaque and calculus forms and drives the gums still further down the root until the inflammation causes a destruction of the supporting bone of the teeth. The teeth become loose, the breath foul, and the disease worse.

Needless to say, the prudent person will seek treatment before the disease process causes the loss of teeth that were meant to last a lifetime. Because some patients form plaque and calculus very rapidly (within a few days) a professional cleaning every six months might be too long to wait. You may have to arrange to have your teeth cleaned more frequently.

Know Your Drugs...



By Gary Kerr

Over ten billion dollars are spent annually on various diet aids by the 80 million overweight Americans who continue an endless search for the ultimate weight reducing formula. At one time or another, most of these persons resort to the OTC (over the counter) medications advertised to curb the appetite and aid the battle against the waistline. Controversy surrounds the usefulness of OTC appetite suppressants and side effects are not uncommon.

Phenylpropanolamine is the mainstay of OTC appetite suppressants and is found in such products as Dexatrim, Dietac, Control, and Appedrine. Pharmacological agents such as phenylpropanolamine should be utilized only in treating symptoms whereas some self therapy and behavior modification groups seek out the underlying cause. Phenylpropanolamine reportedly satisfies a "hunger" center located in the central nervous system when administered in recommended doses. This satisfaction further inhibits the urge to eat.

Conflicting information regarding its effectiveness can be explained by the fact that nothing will magically reduce a person's weight unless the caloric intake is less than the calories being burned off. Incidentally, phenylpropanolamine also has nasal decongestant properties and is found in many OTC cold products. Patients have become tolerant to other anorexic (appetite suppressant) drugs and the same could be expected with phenylpropanolamine after several weeks of constant use. Increasing the dose will only increase the likelihood for side effects to occur.

Since amphetamine is a close relative of phenylpropanolamine, central nervous system excitation is seen, but to a lesser degree than amphetamine itself. Phenylpropanolamine can potentially elevate blood pressure as well as blood glucose in certain individuals. Other reported side effects include nervousness, tremors, restlessness, insomnia, headache, and nausea. These are more likely to occur in individuals exceeding recommended doses than those adhering to established directions for usage.

Individuals with cardiovascular (heart) disease or hypertension are warned to avoid phenylpropanolamine-containing products as well as persons suffering from diabetes mellitus or thyroid disease. Before embarking on any weight reduction journey, such persons should seek medical advice. One further caution is that doses of greater than 25 mg. three times daily should not be used.

One glaring problem concerning the usefulness of phenylpropanolamine is the fact that doses administered in the late afternoon or early evening are often associated with insomnia. Thus, persons take the agent earlier in the day and by early evening, the time when most between-meals snacking is done, the effects of the drug are minimal and the urge to eat reappears. Also, persons drinking coffee should beware of the aforementioned side effects since caffeine is often found in the formulas with phenylpropanolamine.

Perhaps, phenylpropanolamine possesses some appetite suppressant activity alone, but the patient should recognize that diet remains the cornerstone of weight reduction. A program including physical activity, motivation, and reduced caloric intake should be constructed and maybe then a pharmacological agent such as phenylpropanolamine could be employed as a "crutch." Persons are urged to consult their pharmacist for information on the OTC appetite suppressants.

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EDITORIAL



On Local Politics

By Stephen Gazillo

Council Takes Sharp Reversal Of Bowen Budget

Tuesday night's special meeting of Town Council displayed a sharp reversal of how to handle Town Manager Richard J. Bowen's budget. The meeting began with a blatant about face of positions by several councilors when it was decided to act on proposed fees for ambulance and trash pickup services.

This decision was contradictory to a process endorsed by the council over a month ago.

It all started when a motion was put before the council to delay a vote on the fees because indications are strong that Agawam will be receiving additional state aid that could top \$300,000. This would make passage of the fees unnecessary.

The move to delay action simply leaves the fees open as an option to take if state aid is not forthcoming, but does not force councilors to approve them in any way.

As one councilor suggested, even money from free cash could be used to offset income from fees if they are not approved. Why the sudden rush on making a decision, especially for those who have all along argued that no decision on fees should be made until expenses in the budget are known?

In a move with no apparent motive other than political vengeance, a majority of councilors voted to act on the fees.

Six weeks ago, at their very first budget review session, the majority of councilors voted to act on the expense side of the budget first.

It was decided after 45 minutes of debate that it made more sense to know what you're spending before you determine how to pay your bills.

Throughout the entire budget deliberations, councilors remained consistent with this policy. Now they've changed their minds. Again, what is the reason?

Tuesday night it seemed every so-called "faction" found itself in the other group's camp. There was, to quote one councilor, "a lot of game playing."

After councilor Richard Theroux invoked a charter objection as the only way to delay a vote on the fees, councilors promptly reacted by saying they would respond in kind and delay a vote on the General Budget for fiscal 1982.

The attitude was quite clear: "If you can delay action on the fees, we can delay action on the budget."

The question I ask myself over and over is, "what is the price of this charade?"

Let's not cloud the issue about reversing decisions.

Several councilors have changed their minds on a number of line items during the budget process. This is a normal process, for as more information becomes known, situations and therefore decisions change. But to change your mind on an **entire process** that has involved countless hours of work is quite another matter.

In essence, Tuesday's meeting was nothing more than a charade of uncontrolled, emotional decisions and exchanges.

In truth, there is no place in the business of town government for such a shameful display of vengeance and emotions.

Rep. Edward Connelly.....FROM THE THIRD

More than one-third of the House of Representatives in attendance voted to substitute the Better Budget for the Ways and Means document.

The substitution failed on a vote of 101-53.

As I have stated on many occasions these past few weeks, "we may lose the battle but we've really won the war." After the Governor's message in January the outlook for increased local aid over last year's distribution was actually grim.

The "Better Budget" sponsors proved that spending could be reduced and local aid be drastically increased.

It was coincidental that our printed version was distributed far and wide and soon rumbles were heard indicating that the Governor was going to respond to the need for additional local aid, and he did so

by revising his original message.

This action was closely followed by the House Ways and Means version which follows the now established fact that spending could be reduced and local aid increased.

It remains to be seen what the final figures will amount to, due of course to a number of amendments which will be accepted by the Leadership, but it is safe to say that the local governments will be better off than they had hoped.

We still believe the Better Budget would have truly responded to all sectors of government, state and local. However, when the cities and towns finalize their fiscal 1982 budgets they will find that 3/4 of a loaf is definitely "better" than none.

LEGAL NOTICE

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TOWN OF AGAWAM BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will give a hearing at Administration Building, Agawam, THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 1981 at 7:30 P.M. o'clock to all parties interested in the appeal of RAYMOND R. MOREAU who is seeking relief from Section 20, Paragraph 24 (a) of the Zoning Ordinances to allow the construction of an attached breezeway and garage with less than the required side lot clearance at the premises known as 1245 NORTH WESTFIELD STREET.

By order of the Board of Appeals,
Theodore A. Progulski, Chairman
Published: May 21, 1981; May 28, 1981

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TOWN OF AGAWAM PLANNING BOARD

The Agawam Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, June 4, 1981, at 7:30 P.M. in the Agawam Public Library, Cooper Street, Agawam, MA, for the purpose of hearing the public comments on the petition of Leonard, Anita, Daniel & Sheryl Rising, for the rezoning of land from Agricultural to Residence A-2 situated at Poplar Street and Shoemaker Lane, Feeding Hills, MA. being more particularly described and bounded as follows:

LAND OF LEONARD RISING

Beginning at a point on the easterly line of Poplar Street, said point being also the southwesterly corner of land N/F of Frank & Marie Mazza in the town of Agawam, Hampden County, Massachusetts.

Thence running S.82° 17' E. along the southerly lines of land N/F of said Mazza, land N/F of Steven & Victoria Cassidy, and land N/F of Joseph & Janet Parslow, a total distance of 676.59 ft. to a point;

Thence running S.82° 40' E. a distance of 150.23 ft. to a point;

Thence running S.06° 35' 30" W. a distance of 288.00 ft. to a point;

Thence running S.82° 46' E. a distance of 310.00 ft. to a point at land N/F of Joseph & Shirley Lucia, the last three courses herein described being measured along land N/F of Albert & Jennie Christopher;

Thence running S.06° 01' 30" W. along land of said Lucia a distance of 265.25 ft. to a point;

Thence running S.84° 15' E. along land of said Lucia a distance of 241.74 ft. to a point;

Thence running S.10° 59' 26" W. a distance of 465.31 ft. to a point;

Thence running N.78° 39' W. a distance of 988.29 ft. to a point on the easterly line of Shoemaker Lane, the last two courses herein described being measured along land N/F of the Republican Co.;

Thence running N.21° 29' 40" W. along the easterly line of Shoemaker Lane a distance of 249.24 ft. to a point;

Thence running along the easterly line of Shoemaker Lane in a curve to the left of radius 660.76 ft., having an arc length of 208.99 ft. to a point;

Thence running along the easterly line of Shoemaker Lane in a curve to the left of radius 337.43 ft., having an arc length of 38.33 ft. to point at the southeasterly corner of lot 5 as shown on plan by Pharmed Engineering Corp. entitled "Agawam, Mass., plan to accompany zone change petition for Leonard Rising," dated September 23, 1981.

Thence running N.38° 26' 51" E. along the easterly line of lot 5 a distance of 241.71 ft. to a point;

Thence running N.82° 17' 00" W. along the northerly line of lot 5 a distance of 160.00 ft. to a point;

Thence running S.28° 55' 49" W. along the westerly line of lot 5 a distance of 169.87 ft. to a point on the northerly line of Shoemaker Lane;

Thence running along the northerly line of Shoemaker Lane in a curve to the left of radius 337.43 ft., having an arc length of 20.51 ft. to a point;

Thence running N.68° 19' 10" W. along the northerly line of Shoemaker Lane a distance of 89.49 ft. to a point;

Thence running N.75° 12' 10" W. along the northerly line of Shoemaker Lane a distance of 99.63 ft. to a point;

Thence running in a curve to the right of radius 40.00' having an arc length of 80.53 ft., at the point of intersection on the northerly line of Shoemaker Lane with the easterly line of Poplar Street, to a point;

Thence running N.40° 09' 50" E. along the easterly line of Poplar Street a distance of 349.61 ft. to a point;

Thence running N.33° 58' 50" E. along the easterly line of Poplar Street a distance of 103.48 ft. to the point of beginning.

Beginning at a point on the northerly line of Shoemaker Lane, said point also being located approximately 210 ft., plus or minus, easterly from the intersection of the northerly line of Shoemaker Lane with the easterly line of Poplar Street in the Town of Agawam, Hampden County, Mass.;

Thence running N.28° 55' 49" E. a distance of 169.87 ft. to a point;

Thence running S.82° 17' 00" E. a distance of 160.00 ft. to a point;

Thence running S.38° 26' 51" W. a distance of 241.71 ft. to a point on the easterly line of Shoemaker Lane, the last three courses herein described being measured along land N/F of Leonard Rising;

Thence running along the easterly line of Shoemaker Lane in a curve to the left of radius 337.43 ft., having an arc length of 110.20 ft. to the point of beginning.

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Frank Chriscola, Jr.
Board Chairman

Letters to the Editor

An Open Apology To Persons & Organizations Attacked by Elaine Bonavita

To The Editor:

As a businessman who has advertised in Elaine Bonavita's newspaper, *The Voice*, I am taking this opportunity to apologize to all those people and organizations which Ms. Bonavita has seen fit to attack while my ad was part of her newspaper.

Ms. Bonavita came to me some weeks ago soliciting advertising for her newspaper. She told me at that time that she had adapted a new outlook on life with a deeper faith in God.

She explained to me that with her new found religion she was going to present each week in her newspaper a page with no advertising and simply devoted to the word of God.

I was well aware of Ms. Bonavita's controversial stand on many issues as a town councilor and had read her many personal attacks on individuals in the newspapers.

I assumed that with her new adopted outlook her attitudes would change and I am a firm believer that everyone deserves a second chance. As far as Ms. Bonavita is concerned, **she has run out of chances with me.**

I spoke to her several weeks ago and told her I did not wish to advertise in her paper any longer.

To my amazement, my ad appeared in her newspaper last week which prompted me to write this letter of apology.

As a businessman of some standing in this community for the past ten years, I could not in all honesty support anything or anyone **who condemns, attacks, criticizes or downgrades everything which is good in our fine community of Agawam.**

Ms. Bonavita has seen fit to attack some of Agawam's outstanding citizens in such a shoddy manner that it's completely revolting to me and I'm quite sure, to any honest and reasonable person in this community.

I believe her resignation from the Town Council will be a good thing for Agawam and I hope now our Town Council can move along on the matters of the community without further disruptions and rhetoric, which obviously were only designed by Ms. Bonavita to create problems.

In closing, I would like to express to Ms. Bonavita these remarks: **I believe you are attempting to use God as your shield to continue your fascade as a newspaper.**

Like the good Devil who attempted to hide behind THE BOOK, you, Ms. Bonavita, are attempting to hide behind religion while you strike out at others.

You are exposed Ms. Bonavita and I shall pray for you.

Raymond Anthony
Raymond Anthony's Hair Cove
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Town Celebrates Traditional



Agawam's traditional Memorial Day Parade and Ceremonies were once again a fine success.

Led by Veteran's Agent John McCarthy and members of the local VFW and American Legion, several thousand residents lined the Springfield Street parade route to the Food Mart Shopping Plaza for awards presentations and speeches by distinguished individuals.

Ceremonies were held at the Agawam

Hundreds of townsfolk gather around the podium erected in the Food Mart Shopping Plaza on Memorial Day to listen to speeches from distinguished individuals and also to watch various awards presentations. The day's beautiful weather had locals out in droves to view the annual ceremonies.



Police Chief Stanley Chmielewski leads his men during the traditional Memorial Day Parade. In background (middle) is Norman Nardi with Rags.

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Baton twirler Joanne Pallotta town's annual Memorial Day former member of the Park gram and the experience she during the parade.



Over 360 young people from the Junior High School participated in the town's annual essay contest on Memorial Day. This year's winners are, from left, Sandy Campbell, Hank Keene, Susan Harpin with English teacher Pamela Estock.



Members of the Agawam High School marching band performing during the Memorial Day parade honoring those who gave

al Memorial Day Ceremonies

Center and Springfield Street cemeteries by VFW and American Legion honor guards.

Great weather added to the overall spirit of patriotism that prevailed at the annual ceremonies.

The Advertiser/News congratulates all those organizations and individuals who were responsible for another memorable day when we honor those who gave their lives for their country.

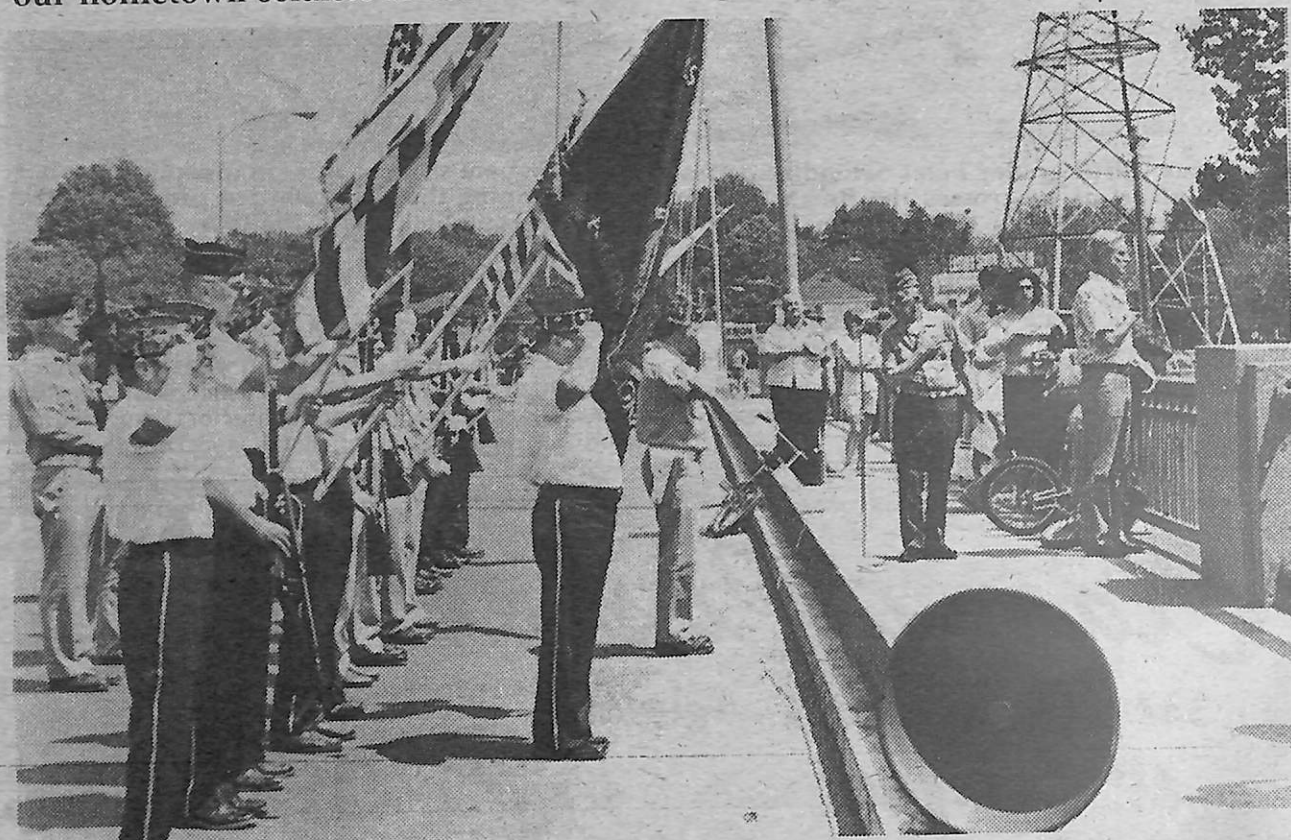


JACK DEVINE

llotta shows her stuff during the Memorial Day Parade. Miss Pallotta is a Parks Department's baton pro- she she received certainly showed



National Guard members, who always appear in Agawam's Memorial Day Parade, march down Springfield Street in full uniform. The National Guard are our hometown soldiers in case of natural disaster or other emergency.



At the Agawam-West Springfield Bridge, the traditional wreath ceremonies were once again sponsored by the combined units of the American Legion and VFW.



chool Band and Colorguard march in the tradi- gave their lives in defense of their country.



Some 180 Agawam Middle School students participated in a poster contest for Memorial Day. Winners this year holding their posters are, from left; Bryan Booth, Susie Wilkinson, Megan Eempio, Chris Noll and Jim Crowley. Looking on are Veteran's Agent for Agawam John McCarthy and Middle School Art Teacher Paula Rozkuszka.

SCHOOL NEWS



Clark School fifth grader Peter Schindler pours out total effort as he crosses the finish line in first place in Field Day's 330-yard run. Photo by Jack Devine.



Phelps School student Allyson Murphy gave her all in winning the girls 220-yard run during the all-fifth grade Field Day. Photo by J. Devine.

5th Grade Field Day Winners Announced

The Agawam Physical Education Department has announced the first place winners in the annual Field Day held for all fifth graders throughout the town last week.

Members of the teaching staff who put in much time and effort to make this event successful are Clifford Kibbe, physical education director, Paul Bachini, Laurine Greguoli, Jack Michalak, and Kirk Parker.

SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

Mon., June 1: Pizza with cheese topping, garden salad, chilled fruit cup, milk
Tues., June 2: Apple juice, fluffernutter sandwich, buttered 7-minute cabbage, chocolate cake, milk
Wed., June 3: Spaghetti w/meat sauce, creamy cole slaw, Italian bread & butter, applesauce, milk
Thurs., June 3: Oven roast chicken, whipped potatoes & gravy, buttered carrots, bread & butter, dessert, milk
Fri., June 5: Sloppy Joe in roll, oven potato puffs, buttered green beans, brownie, milk

First place winners in the various heats of different events are as follows:

Boys 330: Vinnie Cremonetti, Brian Cort, Todd Brown, and Peter Schindler; **Girls 220:** Kara Tebaldi, Diana Deford, Allyson Murphy, and Kelly Sullivan; **Boys 60:** Chris Ollari, Jason Ferris, Chris Sudsbury, Henry Kozloski, and Steven Stewart; **Girls 60:** Dion Berte, Jennifer Kelley, Charissa Cartello, and Holly Hitchcock.

Boys 50: Ricky Brown, Chris Humiston, Ed Modzelewski, Kenny Nodland, and Matthew Lawrence; **Girls 50:** Marlo Montessi, Chris Phaneuf, and Karen Placzek; **Boys 40:** Paul Sandlin, Joseph Kosinski, Chet Wojcik, Frank Windoloski, Jon Tingle; **Girls 40:** Jennifer Maloni, Ericka Smith, Christina Almquist, and Kim Little.

Boys Softball Throw: Jeff Peterson; **Girls Softball Throw:** Denise Porth; **Boys Frisbee Throw:** Daniel Lee; **Girls Frisbee Throw:** Linda Porowski; **Boys Long Jump:** Robert Regish; **Girls Long Jump:** Wendy Lawrence; **Boys High Jump:** Mike DiLullo; **Girls High Jump:** Karrie Skorupski.

Boys Sack Race: Keith Juzba and Jeffrey Gosselin; **Girls Cartwell Race:** Cindy O'Donnell and Amy White; **Girls Sack Race:** Corrie Fugiel, Melissa Bowden, and Karen Burrows; **Boys 3-Legged Race:** Tim Smith/Dave Mailoux; **Girls 3-Legged Race:** Kristen Asselin/Sheileen Soden, Kristen Smith/Barbara Moreau, Sue Brown/Jen Grimaldi, and Lyn Sleeper/Sue Fitzgerald; **Boys Wheelbarrow Race:** Mike Egan/James McGregor; **Girls Wheelbarrow Race:** Tami McGuire/Elizabeth Regish.

Team events involving entire classes were won by the following: **440 Relay Race:** Granger Room 19; **Obstacle Course:** Clark Room 14; **Tug Of War:** Granger Room 19.

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AFS Plans Farewell Gathering

On Monday, June 8th, at 7 p.m., the American Field Service will hold a Community Farewell gathering for the foreign exchange students who have been in Agawam for the past year.

Laura Baldoni from Argentina has been staying with the Edward Seidell family, and Mark Turnbull from South Africa has been with the Charles Miller family. Both will graduate with the senior class from Agawam High and then return to their native countries.

Also to be honored at the gathering are Agawam students who will participate in a summer program abroad. Susan Conway will travel for a stay in Spain, and David Jenks will go to Columbia, South America, for a summer college program for which he will receive three college credits.

Anyone who might be interested in the exchange student program is invited to this community gathering. The AFS especially welcomes newcomers who may not be familiar with their program as yet, but are interested in learning more about it.

Library Offerings

On Thursday, May 28th, from 4 to 5 p.m., the Agawam Public Library will offer a story hour for Agawam elementary school aged children featuring the writings of Judy Blume.

The program will include excerpts from her books, a taped interview with the author, and the filmstrip "Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing." Children may sign up by calling the library at 789-1550.

On Thursday, June 5th, from 4 to 5 p.m., there will be a free yo yo demonstration at the Public Library. Professionals will do tricks, and children will be allowed to practice a few during the performance.

To sign up, call the library at 789-1550.

Mrs. Favreau Plans Area Conference

Mrs. Ann Favreau, a kindergarten teacher at Granger School and a resident of 90 Pleasant Drive, Feeding Hills, is a member of the Steering Committee for the 1981 New England Kindergarten Conference and recently attended a meeting at Lesley College in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

The New England Kindergarten Conference has been sponsored by Lesley College for the last 20 years and regularly draws over 2,000 teachers, administrators and early childhood professionals each fall to attend workshops and lectures. It is the largest conference of its kind in the United States.

Bicycle Rodeo Winners

Safety Officer Alfred Longhi has recently released the names of the winners in the annual Bicycle Rodeo held for all children in town.

Winning cyclists were Mark Hallbauer, Robert Hoffman, Steven Laniek, Dave Mullins, Peter Griffin, Harry Minet, Kelly Blaisdell, Steven Morse, Christopher Hayes, Patrick Beshaw, Craig Griego, David Boutwell, MaryAnn Grimaldi, Brian Mullins.

Also Rusty Lewis, Kathy Jemiolo, Mark Martins, Marcia Walker, David Laudato, Eric Jack, John Shea, Nanette Couturs, Keith Martins, John Catanin, Brian Borecki, Jody Marsh, Sandra Keger, Chris Fay, Shawn Couric Jack, John Shea, Nanette Couturs, Keith Martins, John Catanin, Brian Borecki, Jody Marsh, Sandra Keger, Chris Fay, Shawn Courchesne, Mark Bluteau, Michael Bluteau, Patrick AstaFerrer, and Robert Couture.



Fifteen people have become President of the U.S. with a popular vote less than 50% of the total cast.

3rd Graders 'Try' Mother Goose



Robinson Park third graders presented their version of "The Trial of Mother Goose" last week to the delight of the younger students in the school. Here King Cole, played by Manny Poulos (2nd from left), sends his soldiers, Peter Griffen and Joey Modzelewski, out to bring Mother Goose in for trial as the herald Frank Maniscalco, left, and Queen Stephanie Englert, right, look on. Photo by Jack Devine.



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Bus Evacuation Practiced



Spring school bus evacuation was held recently at all of the schools in town. Safety Officer Alfred Longhi, assisted by Officer Donald Loncto and Steven Ferrari of DePalma Motors, supervised the students' entrance and exit under simulated emergency conditions.

Music Dept. News

Agawam's top-rated music students will be featured in two evenings of all star solo/ensemble performances on June 2 and 3.

The students, all of whom received superior ratings in the nine afternoons of solo performances, will represent all of Agawam's schools and include members of musical organizations from grade 5 through senior high.

Both evening performances will take place at the Junior High School auditorium at 7:30 p.m. and will be open to the public with no admission charge.

The June 2nd evening will feature primarily students in the piano, guitar, strings, and vocal area. The June 3rd evening will include the band instrument performances.

Agawam Community Band again offers a chance for all area band musicians to play in a performing group. The Community Band is open free of charge to musicians from grade 6 through senior citizens and often includes a number of father/son or daughter teams. Rehearsals will be held in the new Senior High band room on Tuesday evenings in June beginning June 9th at 7 p.m.

After several rehearsals in June, the group will perform Tuesday evening concerts around the community to which the general public is invited.

All musicians should feel welcome to participate in the Community Band. Membership usually includes a number of adults, college students, and senior high band members as well as some junior high and middle school students who are proficient enough on their instruments.

Laughing Brook Programs

Massachusetts Audubon Society's Laughing Brook Education Center in Hampden is sponsoring an early afternoon walk to observe a variety of Ferns found on the 260-acre sanctuary on Sunday, June 7th at 12:30.

Staff member Joe Choiniere will lead participants along the wooded trails to note the mature and newly-developed fronds. The walk is free to visitors paying regular admission to the sanctuary. Reservations in advance are suggested.

An Artist's Reception will be held later that day at 2 p.m. in the Art Gallery located in the Environmental Center at the sanctuary. Vermont printmaker and graphic designer Burr Carrington will display his work through July 24.

The display will feature a series of photo silkscreen prints of native ferns, prints of mushrooms, and other botanical subjects. The artist will be on hand to discuss his work at the reception to which the public is invited at no charge.

For more information, call Laughing Brook any day at 566-8034.

Pack 89 Holds Banquet

Cub Scout Pack 89 of Agawam recently held their annual Blue and Gold Banquet at the Agawam Lions Den. The roast beef dinner, prepared beforehand by parents, was served by members of the Lions Club so the parents could also enjoy themselves.

Following the dinner, many scouts were presented with their well-earned badges, arrows, and medals. The Agawam-Feeding Hills Lioness Club presented the pack with a new eagle for its flag pole.

Corsages were given to all den mothers and committee women for their dedicated work throughout the year. Pack 89 has plans for many more activities throughout the summer.



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Troop 555 Sells 1400 Boxes Of Cookies

Brownie Troop 555 from James Clark School announces two new members of the 200 Club which consists of girls who have sold 200 or more boxes of Girl Scout cookies. Lisa Paine and Kimberly McMullin, for the second year, are the two enterprising young salesgirls.

The troop sold a total of 1408 boxes, and all the girls received a poster for selling at least 30 boxes. Eleven

girls also received a patch for their uniforms for selling over 50 boxes. Nine girls sold over 75 and got T-shirts. Six had their choice of a tote bag or a stuffed racoon for selling over 125. The two who went over 200 received everything else plus a trophy.

The troop will use its cookie commission to go camping for the weekend at Camp Bonnie Brae.

Troop leaders are Betsy McMullin and Claire Lawrence, aided by senior scout Linda Allen.

W.Spfld. Square Dancers Will Hold Dance

The West Side Stompers Square Dance Club will hold its third anniversary dance at the Mittineague United Methodist Church on Amostown Road on Saturday, June 6th from 8 to 11 p.m. Caller will be Bob Howard.

Mainstream and Quarterleys with Plus 1 & 2 tip will be the level danced. Refreshments will be served, and all western style square dancers are welcome.

*I saw a sparrow fly so high
I was sure he'd run out of sky.
But he kept on going, I don't know where.
I just wish I could follow him there.*

Rita White



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For Senior Citizens... New Beginnings

By Rita White

In several of my columns recently, I have mentioned forming various types of co-ops. The important issue each time was not the type of co-op, but a co-op. Obviously, the word comes from the word cooperation. And really that is what it is all about. Cooperation. Whatever we are dealing with in our daily lives, cooperation is one of the keys to success. People cooperating with each other can accomplish so much. It can be a kind of sharing process. Someone you know may be very good at sewing and terrible at cooking. You may be an excellent cook and terrible at sewing. With a little cooperation between the two of you, you can both profit from your accomplishments.

The economy of today is making it difficult for all of us to maintain the lifestyles we are used to. But with a little cooperation, we can enjoy more. This almost brings up the old system of barter. In the old days, craftsmen and dealers of various types would exchange goods for labor and vice-versa. It worked then and it can work now. At gift-giving time, for example, you may know someone who does wonders with plants. Perhaps you could exchange some plants for something you are good with. This has so many possibilities. Give it some thought. Think where your special abilities lie and where you could use some help. Form your own kind of co-op.

I hope you are all taking advantage of the special trips that the Senior Center plans. They are a fun day out, with congenial people and to some terrific places. There are still a few seats left for the Hampden Beach trip on June 25th. Price is \$11. It's about time for some fun in the sun.

Starting June 1st, the center will be taking reservations for a very special event. The original Carol Channing, "Hello, Dolly." The show will be in Latham, New York, and will include show and lunch. For more details, call the center.

The center will also be taking reservations for the Saratoga Ballet, also to be seen in July. The exact date is not known at this time, but by June 1st, when you can make reservations, all details will be available.

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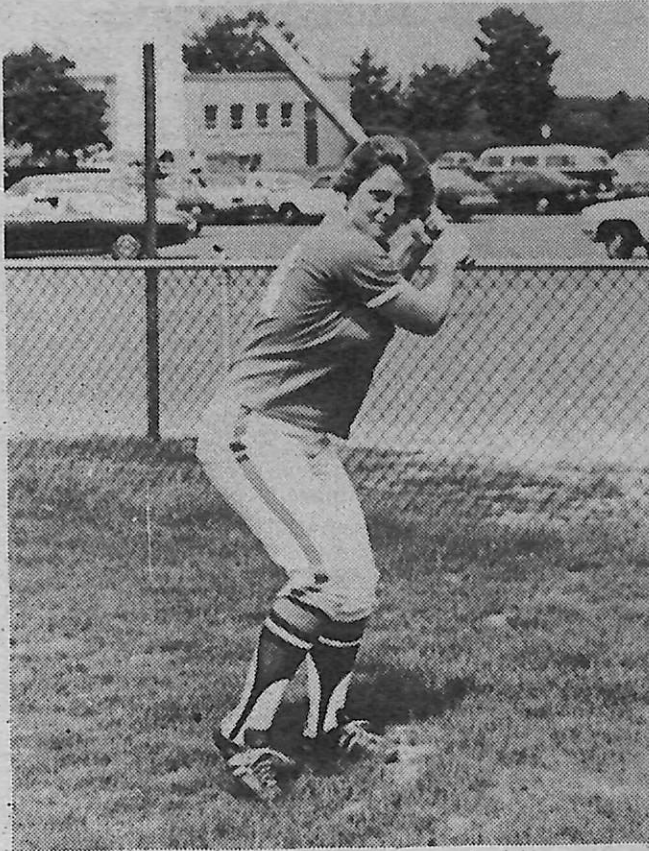
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SPORTS



Senior Slugger Shari Baldarelli is one of the areas outstanding softball players and should be a top prospect for All Western Mass. honors at the end of the season. Photo by Jack Devine.

Shari's Bat Booms For Brownies

Senior Shari Baldarelli's booming bat for the varsity girls softball squad continues to splatter opposing hurlers.

Shari sports a batting average of .605 after 16 games, with 4 homeruns, 3 triples, 3 doubles among her 26 safeties.

Shari has also received 25 walks of which 9 have been of the intentional variety.

Shari has also driven home 31 runs and has scored 26 of her own. She is an outstanding fielding first baseman for the Brownies and is one of the squad's captains.

Last year after 11 games Shari was batting near .550 before she broke her ankle and was out for the season. She is planning on going on to Westfield State College.

Shari is considered one of the league's fine performers and should be a top contender for All-Western Mass. honors at the season's end.

Coach Larry Sheehan calls Shari an outstanding all around individual and player, one who of the Brownies will miss dearly when she graduates in June.

Nelsen Barely Misses Meet Hurdle Record

By Debbie Guidi

Agawam's Eric Nelsen missed the Western Mass. Division I record by one second on a 14.6 time in the high hurdles, but qualified for the state meet as did Brian Fogg with a 172' 7" second place javelin in Saturday's Western Mass. Championships at Amherst.

Fogg's throw set a new school record and the feat was the "surprise of the day," according to Brownie coach Joe Modzelewski.

But Nelsen's performance didn't come as a shock. "We knew Eric could do it, but his effort took a lot out of his high jump," Coach Modzelewski said, referring to Nelsen's 5' 10" jump.

Other Agawam accomplishments Saturday were a fifth from Dave Rawson in the discus and a fifth from Jim Olko in the shotput.

A 92-53 victory last week over Putnam closed the season for Agawam and left them co-champs with Minnechaug.

Steve Young enjoyed an 880-victory while teammates Dan Jury (mile), Jim Olko (shotput), Jim Wagner (pole vault), and Brian Fogg (javelin) all put forth first place efforts in their events as well.

Eric Nelsen took three firsts and a second, and the Brownies took first and second in the 2-mile with John Danaher and Mike Hazen running on the Brownies behalf.

With yet another discus victory, Dave Rawson ended the season undefeated in dual meets.

The Putnam victory left the Brownies with a 10-1 seasonal record to celebrate at last week's banquet, organized by the track moms. Eric Nelsen was voted Most Valuable Senior at the event. The talented senior had been getting 20 points per meet.

Three of the eight girls who qualified for the Western Mass. Championships came home with awards Monday. Patrice Ross placed fifth in the discus and teammate Karen Brown took sixth in the same event while Lynn Mogan came in fifth in the hurdles.

Coach Rosemary Stratton considered the outing very successful considering the stiff competition. "To have three girls take home medals in that kind of field is pretty good. We did well against some stiff competition. Some teams that beat us this year didn't win anything. Considering the competition in Division I and II, to come in fifth is good," Coach Stratton said.

"Even to take eight girls to the championship is great for such a small team," she added.

Being a young and inexperienced squad, the Brownies' success did not show up in their seasonal record. However, the team did have some talented performers whose efforts were at least awarded with personal bests and spots in the individual's competition and the championships.

In the final meet of the season, a loss to West Springfield, two other girls qualified for the Western Mass. tournament held this Monday. Rita Iacolo participated in the shotput competition, and Kim McFarlin qualified to run the 220.

Cancer Golf Tournament Results Announced

On May 15th, Tony Strycharz, owner of Oak Ridge Country Club in Feeding Hills, sponsored a golf tournament to benefit the Cancer Society. Total proceeds raised amounted to \$136.

Police Chief Stanley Chmielewski, special events chairman for the Cancer Society, wishes to thank everyone who participated.

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Little League Games

SENIORS

May 18th, the Police Association Yankees met the Soda City Dodgers and nailed their first victory of the season 9-5. Mike Stassen had super control on the mound. All out hustle was done by Jeff Hill, Mike Moccio, and Peter Borrello. Two fine plays by Rick Stacy helped keep the Dodgers in check.

Eugene McLean, Dodger catcher, put three of their five runs across the plate with a double and a single. Singles were hit by Tony Antico and Dave Champagne.

May 19th was almost a win for the Sarat Ford Orioles as they faced the Raffol Insurance Red Sox with a 6-5 loss for the Orioles. Pitcher Peter Sibilia started strong for the Orioles, but was pulled in the fifth. Relief pitcher Ron Viens allowed only one hit, but it proved to be the winning hit Red Sox Todd Leiterman.

May 20th, the Soda City Dodgers again met the Police Association Yankees with the Dodgers winning this time. Smashing hits to the fence were Bill Malachowski and John Alves, both doubles. Bobby Berthiaume's hits were responsible for RBI's and he made a force out at second and stopped a bases-loaded threat by the Yankees. Tony Trollo put in a good effort at the plate.

MAJORS

May 18th put the Polish Club Indians far ahead of the Buxton Orioles 12-4. Excellent pitching was shared by Jay Miller and Phil Borrello. SS Tom Walz had good plays and Darren Byrne covered third base nicely. Dennis McDonald, Mike Ibbotson, and Greg Leighton. Todd Godek of the Indians did it again with his fourth homer of the year, the third out of the park.

May 19th was another victory for the Lions Dodgers when they beat Mushy's Yankees. Tony Cicchetti of the Dodgers had 8 strike-outs and only 3 hits. Tony Yong and Richard DiLullo set up targets behind the plate. Dodger Mike DiLullo fielded a hard-hit double, threw to Nick Buoniconti who threw to Keith Jacobs for the tag out at third. Lance Buoniconti connected for a double for the Dodgers.

Yankees' pitchers Phil Barry, Mark Lepper, and

Mike Melanson shared the mound, giving up only 6 hits and striking out 5. Mike Hatin doubled and Mark Lepper put one over the fence for two RBI's.

May 20th saw strong hitting from the Buxton Orioles as they beat the Rollaway Red Sox. Bob Mezzetti pitched two strong innings for the Sox. Danny Bubien made a strong play to first, while Evan Humphries stopped an Oriole run with a strong throw.

The Orioles' bats could not be stopped. Mike Loomer was 3 for 3; Mike Augusti was 2 for 4; Mike Cleavall was 2 for 3. Tony Ingham had two hits, Phil Borey scored 4 times, Kevin O'Connor made two good throws to the plate and Dan Poggi made a great catch in RF.

May 21st, the Polish Club Indians outscored Mushy's Yankees with a barrage of extra-base hits from Dennis McDonald, Mike Ibbotson, Matt Rinaldi, and Tom Ciscio. Jay Miller and Phil Borrello hit two triples. Todd Godek hit his fourth and fifth out-of-the-park homers.

May 22, the Dodgers beat the Red Sox although Sox pitcher Evan Humphries did an excellent job on the mound with 11 strike-outs. Kevin McCormick was great behind the plate. Jusi Kulik had a double, followed by another double by Joe McLean to drive in the lone Sox run.

Dodger Danny Bryden hit a 3-run homer along with hits from Jim Longhi and Keith Jacobs. Jim Laudato made three good plays at SS. Nick Buoniconti gave up only 5 hits as pitcher and had 6 strike-outs. Rick DiLullo played super defense behind the plate.

MINORS

May 16th had the Suburban Real Estate Orioles winners in a tight 4-3 game over the Agawam Bowl Mets. The hitting of David Sheehan and an RBI by Matt Morrissey gave their team the edge. The game was well-pitched and had extra innings.

Jay Votakis pitched a no-hitter, 3 unearned runs, for three innings, while Mike Wright pitched a 4-inning, no hit, no walk, no run performance. Jim Russell made an unassisted play at first base for the final out.

Pioneer Valley Soccer News

Agawam's Luigi Auto Body downed 10 Acres 5-0 with goals scored by Chad Alechny (3), Chris Kasperek (1), and Chris LaPlante (1). Chad Alechny and Kevin Pain each got an assist.

Good defense from Anthony Decarlo and Robert Rose saved possible goals by 16 Acres.

A 1-1 tie against Ludlow Fairway resulted from a game between two evenly matched teams with most of the game played mid-field. Chris "Doozer" Christien scored the only goal against Ludlow to give Luigi's the lead in the second half, but Ludlow came back with only minutes to play and tied the score.

Heads up goaltending by Scott Vogus kept Ludlow from scoring more.

In the Dino Cassagrande Soccer Tournament, the Luigi's team beat North Brookfield 5-0 in the first game on goals scored by Mike Tassinari, Joe Chiarella, Chad Alechny, and Chad Blackak. Assists went to Chad Blackak and Chad Alechny. Good defense came from Nino Manes, Robert Rose, Dave Fazio, Chris DiMascola, Tom LaRochelle, and Tony Dicarlo.

6-0. Chris Kasperek, Brendan Blake, Chad Blackak, Chad Alechny, and Mike Shea scored goals. Assists went to Mike Shea, Joe Chiarella, and Chad Blackak.

Game three saw Luigi's beat St. Catherine's 5-0. Goals were scored by Joe Chiarella on a penalty kick, Mike Shea, Brendan Blake, who got three. Assists went to Tom LaRocelle and Chris LaPlante.

Game four brought the Agawam team its first defeat, a loss to Chicopee Ajax 1-0. Although Luigi's controlled the ball most of the second half and many shots were taken, none went between the nets. One chip shot by Chris DiMascola hit the cross bar and bounced back into play. Great defense came from Anthony Dicarlo, Chris Christien, and Chris LaPlante. Scott Vogus did well in goal, saving many shots taken by Chicopee.

Overall tournament record for Agawam's Luigi Auto Body team was 16 goals scored by them against opponents and only one goal scored on them.

Sacred Heart A.A.

11-12 BOYS DIVISION STANDINGS

Reds
Yankees
White Sox
A's
Royals
Phillies
Red Sox

4-1
3-2
3-2
3-2
2-2
2-3
1-4

On May 19th, the Royals beat the Red Sox by the score of 7-3. Steady hitting by Wayne Leal and a homerun by Mike Gastayer helped out. Steady pitching by Mark Charest and good defense from Kenny Messenger helped the Royals.

On May 21st, the A's defeated the Red Sox 7-4. The offense was led by Bruce Lathrop and Dana Delsky, and the defense by Robbie Regish and John Wise. Scott Healy hit well for the A's.

On May 22, the Phillies beat the Royals 5-1 improving their record to 2-4. A good game was pitched by Rick Gordon, who was backed by the solid defense of his teammates. The offense was led by a homerun deep over the centerfield fence by Paul Morris. Good defensive plays were made by Brian O'Malley, Vin Cardopolis, and Bob Barberini.



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13-15 BOYS DIVISION

On May 11, Collins Construction beat the Polish American Club 9-6. Steve Reed came in as relief pitcher for Collins after the Polish Club took an early 5-3 lead and shut the club down with seven strike-outs. Gregg Therrian led the winners with a key single and 2 RBI's. Jim Baurle, Dan Munley, and Brian Donabed knocked across a marker each.

On May 14th, Todd Mazza pitched an excellent game giving up two hits and striking out 10 to lead the Lions Club to a 10-0 shutout over the Polish American Club. Paul Mercadante drove in three of the ten runs, and Scott Ayotte caught a long fly and turned it into a double play to aid in the shutout.

On May 18th, a close pitching duel resulted in a 2-1 victory for Dayga Printing over the Agawam Opticians. John Parent's homer provided the winning run for Dayga, helping his own cause. The win gives Dayga a 3-0 record.

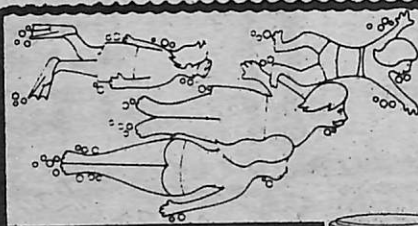
Agawam Youth Soccer All Star

Billy O'Brien, son of Mr. and Mrs. William O'Brien of 18 Western Drive, Agawam, has made the Kick & Run All Star Soccer Team, a team composed of soccer players from Massachusetts and Connecticut high schools and colleges.

Sixty boys were invited to tryout and only 18 spots were available on the team. This team will play in the senior division of the Ted Smith Amateur Soccer League as well as in the Sunshine Village benefit game plus some games against other select teams.

Billy and his teammates will leave June 30th for a 12-day trip to Scotland and England where they will participate in nine games.

He is a junior at Agawam High School and a two-year starter for the varsity soccer team. This past winter, he earned a slot on the Western Mass. Indoor Soccer League All Star Team.



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The Benchwarmer

By Charles Duclos

Traditionally, the Tri-County League doesn't schedule games over the Memorial Day long weekend; however, we did cover a dilly to start off the holiday with a 9-2 slaughter as the O'Malley Printers stamped out the Chicopee Falls Tigers.

Jim Irzyk, following behind the last win by the fellow with basically the same name Don Irzyk and keeping the family tradition alive and well, caged the Tigers with two runs on six hits, three strike-outs, and one walk.

The lead-off woodsman started the first inning for the Tigers with a single. Second and third batters flied out. Louie Conte, playing deep in the shortstop zone, frustrated Chicopee's fourth lumberman by holding his hot shot to a single and allowing his teammate, curled around second, to advance only to third, where he died. (Those things will happen when you steal second; it's not nice to steal.)

In the bottom of the first, Steve Moge walked; Jeff LaBranche whistled a hard single past first, while Conte sacrificed to put runners at second and third. Mark "Doc" Guindon sighted a single to leftfield and surged O'M ahead by 2.

The Tigers evened the score in the top of the second and third with single tallies in each frame, but from then on O'Malley's had the scoring edge. Doc Guindon decked a double in the lower half of the third and carried across Conte, who had walked and stolen second earlier.

The Printers showed their plate power in the bottom of the fourth as Chet Paine ripped a vicious homer to left. Steve Moge followed up with a powerful single up the middle, then proceeded to take second on a slightly slow throw from Tigers' catcher to second. Jeff LaBranche doubled to CF and Moge scored. LaBranche might have died on second if Conte hadn't walked and Rick Mastroianni hadn't lambasted a homer, but LaBranche is alive and well, we're pleased to report.

Forging out runs in the fifth were Dave Stefano, who walked and went to third on a single by Craig Plante (Stefano eventually came across the plate on a wild pitch). Chet Paine walked and went to the hot corner on a steal and the wild pitch. He was brought across on a sacrifice by Danny D'Alma.

O'Malley Printers record thus far is 2 and 0.

AAA Raffle Results

The raffle recently held by the Agawam Athletic Association resulted in a total of \$4,475 dollars being collected.

Mrs. Barry of 53 Harvey Johnson Drive was the winner of the \$100 prize.

AAA Game Action

In the 8-10 boys American division, the Agawam Advertiser/News team beat the Lions 11-10 with Vinnie Cremonti hitting two home runs and George Corgan going 4 for 4. Tommy McElligott pitched well for the Lions and John DePalma had 3 hits including a homer. The winners scored three runs in the bottom of the 7th inning to pull out the victory.

The News team went on to defeat Hampden Fence with Cremonti going 3 for 3 as well as pitching a 4-hitter. Jeff Luttrell had a homer and Todd Greene went 3 for 4 for the winners. Eric Debonis and D. Morassi played well for Hampden Fence.

In the News team's victory over Pelley Construction, Jeff Luttrell and Todd Hyland homered and Todd Greene, Vinnie Cremonti, and Chris DiTomaso all had 3 hits to back up George Corgan's strong pitching. Jason Rosensteel collected 3 hits for Pelley's and made some outstanding plays at shortstop.

In the 8-10 boys National division, Agawam TV Service, unbeaten so far, defeated Abbett Tax. Dean Proakis pitched well for four innings, with Aaron Vanderhoof and Scott Fancy each providing an inning in relief. Steve Simmons hit a 3-run homer, and runs were scored by Matt Lawrence, Shawn Emery, Dean Proakis, Jeff Jeanette, Scott Fancy, Chris Mahoney, David Champigny, Aaron Vanderhoof, and Mike Keane.

TV defeated Colonial Funeral Chapel behind excellent pitching by Aaron Vanderhoof for 5 innings. TV players got six homeruns in that game. Dean Proakis got 2 homers, a double, scored two runs, 5 RBI's and played very well at shortstop. Others hitting well were Aaron Vanderhoof, Scott Fancy, Jeff Jeanette, Shawn Emery, Matt Lawrence, and Mike Keane.

Super playing by Colonial first baseman Cooling led his team's effort.

In the 10-12 boys division, Chriscola Farms beat the Agawam-West Springfield Elks behind the terrific hitting of Denis Punch, who knocked in five runs. Steve Milliken pitched his second complete game win, and Ron Geida turned in an excellent double play.

Chriscola's later beat Westfield Savings Bank. Skip Cone's bunt and Jeff Govoni's double in the last inning helped the winners to come from behind and remain undefeated. Mike Ruggeri picked up his third win.

In the 8-10 girls division, the Jay-c-ettes beat Feeding Hills Pharmacy behind the third consecutive no-hit pitching of 9-year-old Lori DeSimone, who walked only 1 and struck out 13. Stephanie Milliken got her first hit of the season; Cheryl Czepiel, Kim Galarneau, and Carolyn Belniak all reached base successfully. Defensively, Tracey Sitek made some outstanding plays at first base.

For the Pharmacy, Suzanne LaFleur and Kelly Piccoli pitched consistently while Pam Nolan played first base well.

Tricia Rea drove in 8 runs and hit her third home run of the season when the Jay-c-ettes beat Heritage Hall. Jennifer D'Amato hit two homers and Lori

AAA Team Standings

8-10 BOYS DIVISION AMERICAN DIVISION

Agawam Advertiser/News	5-0
Agawam Lions Club	3-2
Pelley Construction	3-2
Hampden Fence	2-3
Stan's Soft Serv	1-4
Agawam Jaycees	1-4

NATIONAL DIVISION

Agawam TV Service	5-0
Colonial Funeral Chapel	4-1
Provin Mt. Farm	3-2
Abbett Tax	2-3
Rocky's Acoustics	1-4
Mushy's	0-5

10-12 BOYS DIVISION

Chriscola Farms	6-0
Century 21-Heritage R.E.	4-1
Westfield Savings Bank	3-2
Food Mart	2-3
Agawam Police	2-3
Polish Club	1-4
Elks 2174	0-5

13-15 BOYS DIVISION

Agawam Police	3-0
Medical Personnel Pool	2-0
Park Auto	2-0
Gove Realty	1-2
Solitario	1-3
Jeff Allen	0-3

8-10 GIRLS SOFTBALL DIVISION

Jay-c-ettes	5-0
Agawam Firefighters	2-1
Feeding Hills Pharmacy	3-2
Feeding Hills Florist	2-2
Elks 2174	1-3
Heritage Hall	0-5

11-13 GIRLS SOFTBALL DIVISION

Polish Club	4-0
Agawam Lions Club	3-1
Valley Community Church	3-1
Catholic Women's Club	2-2
Kiwanis	0-4
Toomey-O'Brien	0-4

DeSimone hit a homer as well. Amy Barber made her pitching debut and did well. Sarah Fogg continues to get on base consistently as does Carolyn Belniak. Maureen Ciempa hit her first double of the season.

Defensively for Heritage, Krissy Phillips and Sue Jakubowski played well and both also got solid hits early in the game.

In the 11-14 girls division, the Polish Club defeated Toomey-O'Brien behind the six hits including one homer by Amy Vacirca. Allyson Murphy got two hits, with a homer, and Sophie Osentoski scored 3 runs along with Patty Smith's two hits and scoring of two runs.

In a hard-fought game, the Polish Club pulled out a victory over Valley Community. The Polish Club was led by Laurie Lacerte and Dawn Goss with good hitting. Playing good defense was Colleen Wright at third base and Natalie Longtin in centerfield.

Sandy Trembley played well for Valley Community.



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Town Council of the Town of Agawam will conduct a Public Hearing on Monday, June 15, 1981, at 8 o'clock p.m. in the Community Room, Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper Street, Agawam, Ma.

All residents of the Town of Agawam are invited to attend and give testimony on the following proposed amendments to the Home Rule Charter of the Town of Agawam:

1. Amend Section 9-13 Removals and Suspensions by striking Section 9-13 in its entirety and substituting therefor a new Section 9-13, Personnel System.

This suggested amendment would establish a town personnel merit or civil service system which would apply to all non-school employees excepting those presently covered by the state civil service system. The system of personnel administration which would be established would be consistent with accepted merit principles which include but are not limited to:

- 1) Recruitment from all segments of society, and selection and advancement on the basis of ability, knowledge and skills, under fair and open competition;
- 2) Compensation on an equitable basis;
- 3) Training and development as needed to assure high-quality performance by all employees;
- 4) Retention of employees on the basis of their performance. A reasonable effort shall be made to assist employees in correcting inadequate performance and, if following such effort, inadequate performance cannot be corrected, separation shall occur.
- 5) Fair treatment of applicants and employees in all aspects of personnel management without regard to race, color, sex, national origin, political affiliation, or other non-merit factors, and with proper regard for their privacy and constitutional rights; and
- 6) Protection of employees from arbitrary action or political coercion.

2. Add a new article, Article 11, Master Plan.
This suggested amendment would require the preparation and adoption by the Planning Board of a master plan which would set forth in graphic and textual form policies to govern the future physical development of the town. The Town Council would also be required to adopt the master plan which would serve as a guide to all future council action concerning land use and development regulations, urban renewal programs and expenditures for capital improvements.

Copies of the amendments are now available for reference at the Office of the Town Clerk, 36 Main Street, Agawam, Ma. between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

This hearing is given in compliance with provisions contained in Mass. Gen. Laws, Chapter 43B, Section 10.
By order of the Agawam Town Council
Edward A. Caba, Town & Council Clerk

WELCOME TO MY WORLD

By Charles Duclos

Every year I promise myself that this will be the last one, but each time that a soccer tournament comes along, I'm right back. And so for the second and third-or is it the fifth and sixth time?- Bill O'Brien has led his soccer girls into battle and other parents and I mumble and stumble, but we follow faithfully to the bitter end.

This year's Ludlow Invitational Memorial Day Soccer Tournament wasn't much different from other events. Agawam's Polish Club-sponsored fillies and their maters and paters proceeded to the Seven Gables Motel in Springfield, where we would renew acquaintances with our Canadian friends from Dollard, for whom we were providing weekend accommodations. (So you won't think I'm daffed or have my information mixed, Dollard's coaches, managers, and some of the players' parents stayed at the Gables, and it was a convenient site for us to meet.)

I knew that it would be a difficult three days for as soon as we arrived home Friday night, the power of the press was suppressed by six cackling women. A guy hasn't got a chance. My only hope for salvation was in the forms of my two sons, who conveniently had to work (the cowards!)

Where did all these femme fatales come from? Well, there's my bride and our daughters, Michelle and Deanne, plus our guest. We picked up to temporary additions when Lou and Lois Miodowski conveniently scheduled a bowling banquet for that night. So we had their two friends from across the border. By the way, Julie Miodowski was presented with a trophy for her eagle eye and steady hand during the pin season.

The only time that this mob was quiet all evening was when they were stuffing themselves with pizza, delicately and deliciously put together by Bruno's.

Lou and his crew arrived about 10:30. It was decided that Julie and her two guests would spend the night at our house. One of the mysteries, to which I will never know the answer as I do not enter the inner sanctums of Mimi's bedroom, is how do six people

sleep in a 12 by 12 room with only one bed? Maybe a few stood up all night.

Saturday took us to Ludlow's Junior High School field, where the girls tipped off their first encounter by playing none other than Dollard. It was probably Agawam's best game in the tournament. Dollard drew first and fired point blank in the opening minutes of action. Agawam's Lisa Chevalier would have none of this and at the first half's mid-point, unloaded a rocket that rocked the net and evened the score. LeeAnn Sandlin and Pam Rowen, playing in the fullback slots, frustrated Dollard's further attempts to score, as did Julie Miodowski in her role as goalie. An hour and a half later, Agawam was to meet the Sundancers from Fairfax, Virginia. Although they held the Dancers to one goal in the first half, the gals from the land of the Virginia Slims danced home three more before the final whistle.

Saturday night found most of the young people at a bowling get-together. Although their soccer skills improve each season, their bowling style gets worse and worse.

On Sunday, Agawam was eliminated from further tournament action when downed by the 16-and-under team from Wellesley.

Dollard was also tripped from final action on Monday when they went down 1-0 at the hands (or feet, if you will) of Wellesley and a 3-0 shutout by the Dancers.

Monday noon found us again in Ludlow. This time we were taking our weekend charge to her bus; however, just off the turnpike, the old jalopy wouldn't cooperate. Joanna and the kids had to troop about a mile and a half to the field. I spent three hours before the car finally came to life - with the assistance of a friend.

Feeling as much alone then as I had on Friday night at the start of this long weekend when hushed to silence by the gals, I went home and released my frustrations by lifting weights...all in the 12-ounce category.

The mistake I made was not putting my ultra light fly rod in the car. I just brought along the ultra light backpacking telescoping spinning rod manufactured by Zebco Co.

I have found that the best time to fish the Farmington River is when the insects are unbearable. The black flies and the deer flies are a menace. My favorite bug fighter is "Vick's VapoRub" which keeps the insects at a distance. You have to be careful that you do not get the rub on the fly you are using because, believe me, the fish really turn their noses up when it happens.

This evening the conditions were ideal. I glassed the river in a choice spot and noticed quite a bit of "dimpling" going on. The insect they were hitting or sucking in was floating on the surface. Upon closer observation, I was surprised to see that the trout were ingesting small caterpillars as they fell out of the trees onto the surface of the water.

I consider this a remarkable discovery. A bit of Mother Nature that will eat the caterpillar. It wouldn't be a bad idea to file for a grant from the federal government to construct a trout pond in everybody's back yard for the control of the gypsy moth. The grant isn't too far-fetched as a few years ago an enterprising young man received \$80,000 for a study to be done on girls in the houses of repute in South America. I think control of the gypsy moth is just as important.

I didn't bring along a bubble for fly fishing with the spinning rod, so I used the next best thing, a small piece of dry tree limb. I picked up a small wiggly caterpillar and impaled him on the small hook (usually I have my wife do it!), tossed it out into the fast-running water, and it floated down into the pool where the trout were rising. The bait sank just below the surface and not a trout touched it. They would come up to the worm finning, back off and suck in a floating one. I tried to entice a hit by retrieving the worm at a speed that kept it on the surface. The trout would have nothing to do with it. How I regretted my leaving the fly rod and the number two tippet at home.

I traveled the river down to the Green Bridge below New Boston and bumped into just one fly fisherman.

The rivers are a good bet for some fast action now. Just make sure that you go prepared for any situation that might arise. Pack the gear whether you use it or not.

CHIBA'S SPORTSMAN'S CORNER

The Fish & Wildlife boys have made their big stocking venture for the Memorial Day weekend. Not all the fish have been caught and the next few weeks should prove excellent for fishing for trout.

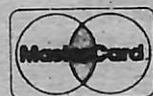
One evening last week I decided that I would take a

ride up to the Farmington River and see how things were proceeding. I took along my glasses so I could scan the river down ahead of me and see if trout were breaking for flies and what particular hatch appealed to them.

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